

THE NEWPORT MERCURY.

ESTABLISHED A. D. 1758.

Volume XC.

NEWPORT, R. I., SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 24, 1851.

Number 4,648.

Poetry.

TO THE EAGLE.
Bird of the broad and sweeping wing,
Thy home is high in heaven,
Where wide the storms their banners fling,
And the tempest clouds are driven,
Thy throne is on the mountain top;
Thy fields, the boundless air;
And hoary peaks, that proudly prop
The skies, thy dwellings are.

Thou sittest like a thing of light
Amid the noonday blaze;
The midday sun is clear and bright,
It cannot dim thy gaze.

They pinions, to the rushing blast,
O'er the bursting billows spread,
Where the vessel ploughs, hurry past,
Like an angel of the dead.

Thou art perch'd aloft on the beating crag,
And the waves are white below,
And on with a haste that cannot lag,
They rush with an endless flow.

Again thou hast plumed thy wings for flight
To lands beyond the sea,

And away, like a spirit wreath'd in light,
Thou hurried, wild and free.

Thou hurried over the myriad waves,
And thou leavest them all behind;

Thou sweepest that place of unknown graves,
Fleet as the tempest wind.

When the night storm gathers dim and dark,
With a shrill and boding scream,

Thou rushest by the foaming bark
Quick as a passing dream.

Lord of the boundless realm of air,
In thy imperial name—

The hearts of the bold and ardent dare
The dangerous path of fame.

Beneath the shade of thy golden wings,
The Roman legions bore,

From the river of Egypt's cloudy springs,
The pride of the polar shore.

SELECTED TALES.

A PLEASANT STORY.

THE tailor's wife had stiched since five in the morning. It was now noon—the day after Christmas, and there really was something for dinner. The tailor was from home—the children were out, but it was close upon twelve o'clock, and in a trice they would be back, eager and hungry for their meal. Mrs. Atkins put down her work—a very handsome waistcoat of sky-blue satin, sprinkled with stars and bordered, it might be with the zodiac, (the border was so strangely beautiful) clapt her thimble on the mantle-piece, and hurried to the cupboard. At all events, there was a dinner to-day; and something seemed to promise to the tailor's wife a brighter time and a fuller table for the time to come.

Atkins had gone to make inquiry about a ship that was to sail for the other side of the world; and though he had not at that time a single piece of Queen Victoria's minted gold to purchase a passage for himself and family, he nevertheless would learn all the particulars of cost and necessary preparation. It was a whim, he knew; for all that it was a whim beyond his powers of self-argument, had he tried to exercise them.

And all alone, Mrs. Atkins spread the table. There was a piece of beef left, and a small piece of plum pudding; and still the pudding remained small, although she turned the plate that contained it round and round half-a-dozen times, and took half-a-dozen side-long looks at it, as though endeavoring to behold it in the most improved light. But pudding is not to be thus magnified.

The table laid, Mrs. Atkins thought she would execute a few more stiches, filling up the time until Mr. Atkins and the children came. As Mrs. Atkins approached the mantle-piece, extending her fingers towards the thimble, the thimble—of its own motion—fell over upon its side, with one distinct prolonged sound, as from a silver bell; Mrs. Atkins thimble, by the way, being of no such precious metal, but of working-day brass. Mrs. Atkins drew back her fingers from the thimble as from a nettle, when the thimble—self-moved—rolled off the mantle-piece and fell upon the hearth and then, to the astonishment and terror of Mrs. Atkins, who, strange to say, could not at that moment scream, though in no former accident had she failed when otherwise determined—then, from the thimble began to pour forth, in small, quick puffs, smoke of silvery clearness.

"I don't understand a word of it," said Mrs. Atkins; and with a resolute hand, she took up her thimble, and turned it over and over, and almost unconsciously brought the thimble to her nose. But it did not smell of sulphur—the thimble was the like thimble it was before.

"For ten years I have lived in that thimble. Ten years," cried the little man—and Mrs. Atkins stared now at her visitor, and now took another look at the thimble; and then she courageously thrust her thimble finger into the familiar brass, and nodded at the little man among the holly, as much as to say—

"Now you are well got rid of, I'll take care you shan't get in again."

The little man seemed to understand the threat of the look, for he said with a languid smile—

"It's no matter now: my ten years are up—my time's out to-day. All I have now to do is to confess my past sins and the sufferings they have purchased me, and then I pass to peace. I've paid the penalty of my selfishness; and my unquiet ghost will cease to haunt your brazen thimble."

"A ghost!" cried Mrs. Atkins. "Well I never thought I could be so bold to a ghost. But then, to be sure, you're such a very little one. What was your name?"

"Never mind," said the small man. I was called the Poor Man's Friend. And I can tell you, Mrs. Atkins, that I have paid pretty sharply for the vanity and vexation of the title."

"That is, I suppose," answered the spirited little woman, "you wasn't his friend at all? Only the name, like?"

"Listen to my story," said he, shifting himself among the holly leaves. "I was, when I was alive and enjoying my proper stature, I was a man of exceeding wealth. Rich indeed was I, and as every body thought—and at last I got myself to think so—very good, very benevolent, very pious. Indeed I had the habit of talking so much about the duties of the rich to the poor that, for the life of me, I never could find sufficient time to perform them. Nevertheless, I could not forbear to talk—it was so pleasant so easy too; and with no other effort, it made me a name that smelt among my particular friends like a

"Well, he was the strangest of gentlemen, and he was in the strangest position! But we will tell every little we know about him."

Measured by tailors' measure, the gentlemen's stature might have been about six inches. A gentleman with a very clean and lofty look; his hair an iron gray; with a few wisdom scratches made with an unruffled manikin. "Very true. Yet there's a deal of brassy character passed for good. And it may sound right enough upon the world's counter, but it won't do. Mrs. Atkins, when the angels come to ring it. It won't do, ma'am."

"I should say not," replied the tailor's wife, with womanly decision.

"And so I found. It is now, madam, ten years ago since I died. If you doubt me, take your way to the cemetery. There

upon a shilling, is the property of every body who can possess it. She had seen a picture of the Poor Man's Friend, and—no it could not be he; it was impossible—nevertheless, the face of the manikin was wonderfully like that flesh-and-blood good-

ness. Mrs. Atkins thought she recognised in

the miniature man a well-known face; one of those countenances that, like a royal face

upon a shilling, is the property of every body who can possess it. She had seen a

picture of the Poor Man's Friend, and—no it could not be he; it was impossible—

nevertheless, the face of the manikin was wonderfully like that flesh-and-blood good-

ness. Mrs. Atkins thought she recognised in

the miniature man a well-known face; one of those countenances that, like a royal face

upon a shilling, is the property of every body who can possess it. She had seen a

picture of the Poor Man's Friend, and—no it could not be he; it was impossible—

nevertheless, the face of the manikin was wonderfully like that flesh-and-blood good-

ness. Mrs. Atkins thought she recognised in

the miniature man a well-known face; one of those countenances that, like a royal face

upon a shilling, is the property of every body who can possess it. She had seen a

picture of the Poor Man's Friend, and—no it could not be he; it was impossible—

nevertheless, the face of the manikin was wonderfully like that flesh-and-blood good-

ness. Mrs. Atkins thought she recognised in

the miniature man a well-known face; one of those countenances that, like a royal face

upon a shilling, is the property of every body who can possess it. She had seen a

picture of the Poor Man's Friend, and—no it could not be he; it was impossible—

nevertheless, the face of the manikin was wonderfully like that flesh-and-blood good-

ness. Mrs. Atkins thought she recognised in

the miniature man a well-known face; one of those countenances that, like a royal face

upon a shilling, is the property of every body who can possess it. She had seen a

picture of the Poor Man's Friend, and—no it could not be he; it was impossible—

nevertheless, the face of the manikin was wonderfully like that flesh-and-blood good-

ness. Mrs. Atkins thought she recognised in

the miniature man a well-known face; one of those countenances that, like a royal face

upon a shilling, is the property of every body who can possess it. She had seen a

picture of the Poor Man's Friend, and—no it could not be he; it was impossible—

nevertheless, the face of the manikin was wonderfully like that flesh-and-blood good-

ness. Mrs. Atkins thought she recognised in

the miniature man a well-known face; one of those countenances that, like a royal face

upon a shilling, is the property of every body who can possess it. She had seen a

picture of the Poor Man's Friend, and—no it could not be he; it was impossible—

nevertheless, the face of the manikin was wonderfully like that flesh-and-blood good-

ness. Mrs. Atkins thought she recognised in

the miniature man a well-known face; one of those countenances that, like a royal face

upon a shilling, is the property of every body who can possess it. She had seen a

picture of the Poor Man's Friend, and—no it could not be he; it was impossible—

nevertheless, the face of the manikin was wonderfully like that flesh-and-blood good-

ness. Mrs. Atkins thought she recognised in

the miniature man a well-known face; one of those countenances that, like a royal face

upon a shilling, is the property of every body who can possess it. She had seen a

picture of the Poor Man's Friend, and—no it could not be he; it was impossible—

nevertheless, the face of the manikin was wonderfully like that flesh-and-blood good-

ness. Mrs. Atkins thought she recognised in

the miniature man a well-known face; one of those countenances that, like a royal face

upon a shilling, is the property of every body who can possess it. She had seen a

picture of the Poor Man's Friend, and—no it could not be he; it was impossible—

nevertheless, the face of the manikin was wonderfully like that flesh-and-blood good-

ness. Mrs. Atkins thought she recognised in

the miniature man a well-known face; one of those countenances that, like a royal face

upon a shilling, is the property of every body who can possess it. She had seen a

picture of the Poor Man's Friend, and—no it could not be he; it was impossible—

nevertheless, the face of the manikin was wonderfully like that flesh-and-blood good-

ness. Mrs. Atkins thought she recognised in

the miniature man a well-known face; one of those countenances that, like a royal face

upon a shilling, is the property of every body who can possess it. She had seen a

picture of the Poor Man's Friend, and—no it could not be he; it was impossible—

nevertheless, the face of the manikin was wonderfully like that flesh-and-blood good-

ness. Mrs. Atkins thought she recognised in

the miniature man a well-known face; one of those countenances that, like a royal face

upon a shilling, is the property of every body who can possess it. She had seen a

picture of the Poor Man's Friend, and—no it could not be he; it was impossible—

nevertheless, the face of the manikin was wonderfully like that flesh-and-blood good-

ness. Mrs. Atkins thought she recognised in

the miniature man a well-known face; one of those countenances that, like a royal face

upon a shilling, is the property of every body who can possess it. She had seen a

picture of the Poor Man's Friend, and—no it could not be he; it was impossible—

nevertheless, the face of the manikin was wonderfully like that flesh-and-blood good-

ness. Mrs. Atkins thought she recognised in

the miniature man a well-known face; one of those countenances that, like a royal face

upon a shilling, is the property of every body who can possess it. She had seen a

picture of the Poor Man's Friend, and—no it could not be he; it was impossible—

nevertheless, the face of the manikin was wonderfully like that flesh-and-blood good-

ness. Mrs. Atkins thought she recognised in

the miniature man a well-known face; one of those countenances that, like a royal face

upon a shilling, is the property of every body who can possess it. She had seen a

picture of the Poor Man's Friend, and—no it could not be he; it was impossible—

nevertheless, the face of the manikin was wonderfully like that flesh-and-blood good-

ness. Mrs. Atkins thought she recognised in

the miniature man a well-known face; one of those countenances that, like a royal face

upon a shilling, is the property of every body who can possess it. She had seen a

picture of the Poor Man's Friend, and—no it could not be he; it was impossible—

nevertheless, the face of the manikin was wonderfully like that flesh-and-blood good-

ness. Mrs. Atkins thought she recognised in

FOREIGN NEWS.

The steamer *Armenia*, arrived at N. York on Wednesday last from Liverpool.

This week's chronicle of events may be briefly summed up. In England, the Crystal Palace experiment has had a week's trial, and nothing extraordinary has happened to disturb the great show.

From France, there is little of importance to report. The anniversary of the Republic, the 4th of May, passed off with tranquillity.

Great agitation prevails in the Roman States, and throughout the whole of Italy.

It is announced from Vienna that the Turkish general, Skander Beg, has taken Bichaz by storm.

The King of Greece has left Vienna for Trieste, from which port he was to sail to Athens.

The rebellion in the Canton provinces has so far progressed as to threaten the throne of the newly installed Emperor.

Correspondence N. Y. *Express*.

LONDON, May 1, 1851.

WE have just gotten over the day, and if ever there was a public assemblage, public ceremonies and display of public enthusiasm, we think we have beheld it on this occasion. The Exhibition is opened! That is, the Queen in State, the Nobility, the Court, the representatives of all the Nations of the Earth, have met in the Crystal Palace, and amid the cheers of hundreds of thousands of people inside and outside the building, amid the music, the prayers, the waving of handkerchiefs, the singing of "God save the Queen," &c., &c., the "World's Fair" has been pronounced "good" and fit for universal admiration.

The ceremonies only occupied, in reality, about two hours, but to get a place to see them, and above all to see the Queen's Royal Family, required several hours of previous mortal patience, endurance, and good temper. Hyde Park commenced to be crowded shortly after day light, and by nine o'clock, over its miles of extent no spot from which a glimpse could be had of any thing going on was to be seen unoccupied by the multitude.

The adjoining houses were covered with people—the roads were lined with soldiers, policemen and rapidly driving vehicles.

The grass had given up its place and every blade seemed to have been metamorphosed into a crowding, sweating, anxious excited human being. It is stated that at the Park gates, by noon there had arrived 1059 state carriages and carriages of noblemen, 300 broughams, 600 posting and hack carriages, 1500 hacks and cabs, 300 coaches and 380 vehicles of other descriptions.

It is computed that there stood at one time over 200,000 people in Hyde Park, in the vicinity and about the Crystal Palace. People were continually fainting in the crowd, and although every effort was made to keep every-body down upon the ground, several persons fell from trees and were seriously injured. A shower came up, but the throng stood still. There is a saying here that the Queen has always fair weather in her public ceremonies, and the public have great confidence in this part of her good fortune. And well they might, for it has rained every day lately, and yet this trifling shower of five minutes duration is all that has marred the beauty of to-day.

Inside the Crystal Palace, the bustle and crowd and confusion, were proportionately great. Here were 2500 people who had paid 5 guineas each to see what not more than five hundred of them could possibly see under any circumstances. No one could find their places, and the policemen seemed to know less about it, than the ticket-holders themselves. Yet the *coup d'oeil* was truly grand and imposing, and when the booming of the cannon, and the shouts of the enthusiastic multitude announced the approach of Her Majesty—when the Life Guards filed in—the long army of soldiers presented arms—when the pealing anthems from the organs and bands and choruses broke out, of "God save the Queen"—when the women waved their handkerchiefs and the men lifted their hats in reverence—when the cortège of Nobility, Power, Beauty, Civil and Political distinction followed on—when the flashing of diamonds, the glow of the pearls, the crackling of brocaded silks, the plumes of feathers, the gay ribbons, the gorgeous gold lace and the picturesque costumes, of the representatives of foreign nations, took their stand around the Sovereign—when the Queen herself stood up on the heavily canopied throne in the centre of the transept holding the Prince of Wales, by the hand while Prince Albert conducted the Royal Princess—the whole presented a picture of such a striking and effective character, that it all seemed like the bright but uncertain fabric of a golden dream. It could not be real! And yet it was—and beautiful too beyond all power of vivid description.

The throne was draped, of course, in crimson cloth, the canopy being fluted with blue silk and decorated with blue, gold, and white ornaments, and with ostrich feathers waving in plumes at each angle. Its floor, or dais, was covered with a Berlin wool carpet, made by 150 ladies, and presented to Her Majesty.

In connection with the above we have to notice the discovery near Benicia of a coal bed, said to be of a superior quality. It is located within a few miles of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's depot. Many beds of coal have been discovered in Oregon; so that the Pacific steam marine is likely to be well supplied soon with this very important article.

Accounts are coming in, of new discoveries of auriferous mines in various parts of the country. The recent rains have also had their effect upon placer digging, helping the gulch diggers and for a time driving those engaged upon the rivers, from their positions.

A Venetian nobleman said to a sculptor, "You charge me fifty sequins for a bust that cost you only ten days labor." "You foolish," replied the artist, "that I have been thirty years learning to make that bust in ten days."

THE MARYLAND CONVENTION adjourned *sine die* on Wednesday evening of last week. They adopted the new constitution, which provides for the election of judges, abolishes imprisonment for debt, grants homestead exemption to the value of \$500, abolishes lotteries, and gives a more uniform representation.

A workman engaged in covering the roof of the Crystal Palace with canvas, a few weeks since, lost his equilibrium, and fell through the roof to the floor below. He was quite dead when taken up.

A bill has passed the Legislature establishing a State Marine Hospital at Sacramento, and appropriating \$30,000 from the State treasury towards that object.

The two houses of the Legislature had agreed to adjourn on the 30th ult.

The prospects for miners and agriculturists seem better now than at the sailing of the last steamer. The rains which have fallen have very much increased the certainty of good crops, besides ensuring feed for the poor brutes, which would have died with thirst and hunger had the spring passed away without any rain.

There are in Hindostan twenty-six newspapers in the native language.

The small pox is just now particularly destructive at the island of Barbadoes.

BY THE MAILS.

THE INDIANS IN FLORIDA.—We have been favored with the perusal of a letter from an authentic source in Florida, giving a satisfactory statement as to the conclusion of the Indian difficulties in that State.—This letter states that "the outsiders are all in, and what is more all their families are forced by their chiefs to live South of Caloosa Hatchee. The men only go North to hunt on the Big Prairie and to tend crops on Fish-eating Creek. Bowlegs Assunah, Hothulahachulee and Nokose-Emathla had come into Major Casey's camp to inform him of the foregoing facts and to learn when the store would be opened. Major Casey took this opportunity of demanding the murderers, (the parties implicated in the murder of a boy sometime ago.) Bowlegs and Assunah both agreed to give them up as soon as possible, and demanded that when apprehended they should be punished. Major Casey had agreed that they should be executed at his camp in the presence of the young Indians and the officers and men generally. It will of course be an Indian execution. This proceeding is justified on the following grounds: that the parties to be executed are cruel murderers; that their punishment will restrain others and preserve the peace; it will appease the citizens who are entitled to this sacrifice; and lastly, it is the universal law. The execution will be according to Indian fashion. It is expected that this will put an end to difficulties with the Seminoles in Florida.

N. O. Delta, 1st.

CALIFORNIA NEWS.

The steamer *El Dorado*, arrived at New York, Saturday last, bringing dates from California to April 15th.

The steamer Columbus brought down to Panama, \$1,000,000, in gold dust, and the Tennessee \$1,600,000, making \$2,600,000, besides the amount in the hands of the passengers.

The following summary of events we take from the *Alta California*:

The boy claimed as a slave in San Francisco, was set at liberty. There was no evidence further than that he was Mr. Calloway's slave, in Missouri. He was discharged.

Some of the San Francisco streets have been lighted by the subscriptions of individuals residing or doing business upon them.

The examination of Slater, accused of the assassination of Capt. Jarvis, at the Mission Dolores, caused no little excitement, and a rush was made to take him from the hands of the Police, but with no effect.

Two men were shot in Sacramento, while attempting a burglary, by Capt. Ward, who was expecting and watching for them. One was killed upon the spot; the other had his leg amputated, but died subsequently. Capt. Ward was cleared of all blame.

Some effort has been made by Mr. A. D. Merrifield, to obtain the privilege of supplying the city with water, by introducing it in pipes from a lake about three miles distant.

Nothing particularly new respecting the Indian Commissioners, and their progress in treaties with the savages, Gen. Bean had been authorized to raise fifty men to protect the people in the Los Angeles valley against the incursions of the Indians through the Cajon Pass.

General Persifer F. Smith has been ordered to Texas, and has come home in the steamer.

A great deal of dissatisfaction has been felt and exhibited respecting the issuance and circulation of private coins, below their face value in real value and which the coiners refuse to redeem.

Great efforts are being made to induce Jenny Lind to visit California, and letters received from Mr. Barnum induce the hope that the object may be effected.

A new charter for San Francisco has been passed by the Legislature.

The robbers and highwaymen in which California abounds, have been making the valleys in the vicinity of Monterey their theatre of operations of late, having possession of the whole country there, stealing horses and cattle, and creating a fear that Monterey itself may be sacked by them in the absence of the men, who are mostly at the mines.

There has been more lynching in the mines. This state of affairs is lamentable. The Alta Californian cautions friends at the east against judging them by the same criterion they would there. They cannot fully appreciate we are told their condition without seeing and feeling it.

The City Attorney's report shows a tremendous amount of litigation, amounting to over \$2,000,000 for the past year.

Politics have been rather brisk of late, both whigs, and democrats doing their best to organize. They were preparing for the municipal election soon to come off.

Accounts are coming in, of new discoveries of auriferous mines in various parts of the country. The recent rains have also had their effect upon placer digging, helping the gulch diggers and for a time driving those engaged upon the rivers, from their positions.

In connection with the above we have to notice the discovery near Benicia of a coal bed, said to be of a superior quality. It is located within a few miles of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's depot. Many beds of coal have been discovered in Oregon; so that the Pacific steam marine is likely to be well supplied soon with this very important article.

A bill has passed the Legislature establishing a State Marine Hospital at Sacramento, and appropriating \$30,000 from the State treasury towards that object.

The two houses of the Legislature had agreed to adjourn on the 30th ult.

The prospects for miners and agriculturists seem better now than at the sailing of the last steamer. The rains which have fallen have very much increased the certainty of good crops, besides ensuring feed for the poor brutes, which would have died with thirst and hunger had the spring passed away without any rain.

DREADFUL SHIPWRECK.—THE JENNY LINN.

LIND, a new ship of nearly 500 tons burthen, with passengers for London, left Singapore on the 3d of August for Melbourne and London, under the command of Captain Taylor, Mr. Masters, chief mate, Mr. Harper, second mate, and a crew of 16 seamen and apprentices. Her passengers were Mr. and Mrs. Somerset and three children, Mrs. Harper, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Beal, and several others. The ship was wrecked on Keen's reef, 400 miles from Melbourne, and the crew and passengers were landed on the reef or islet, 150 yards long and 40 wide. Here, by stores got from the wreck, and the distillation of sea water, by the perseverance and ingenuity of Mr. Beal, they existed from Sept. 21st to Oct. 29th. During this time a boat was built, launched, and fitted; and in this boat and the safety boat twenty-two persons embarked, and after severe sufferings, reached Brisbane River, New South Wales, where all safely landed, and received every hospitality from the inhabitants. All, including the women, and children, were comparatively well, a circumstance almost incredible after their having been exposed for thirty-seven days and nights on a desolate coral bank in the Pacific. The ill-fated vessel was insured in London to the extent, it is reported of £8,000.

A DANGEROUS FEAT.—ON SUNDAY the Conductors on the Pennsylvania Railroad discovered, when they arrived at Harrisburg, two Irishmen asleep, seated one on each of the cross-pieces of the brake, on the trucks, under the car, a distance of only eight inches from the ground. They must have rode in this position 145 miles, merely to elude the payment of \$4 each. They were seated so close to the wheels that their backs rubbed the grease and dust from the axles of both the trucks, and were so covered with dust, that it was difficult to determine at a glance whether they were black or white individuals.—*Boston Journal*.

ATTEMPT TO EXTINGUISH A FIRE IN THE EARL OF MANSFIELD'S COLLIERY.—There is a colliery near Alton, called the Sauchie Fine Mine, which has been on fire for twenty-six years, and has already destroyed coal to the value of £100,000. The fire, after five years hard labor in the construction of an enormous enclosing wall, made at a cost of more than £16,000, was confined, about twenty years since, to its present bounds, but has at frequent intervals shown strong indications of its violent progress, and has more than once threatened to pass into the immense and valuable coal district, to the dip, which, if it did, nothing could restrain its ravages.—Mr. Goldsworthy Gurney, Mr. Mather, and Mr. Darlington, inspected it twelve months since, and the two former gentlemen have now undertaken to extinguish it, and with every prospect of success, by the same process as Mr. Gurney recovered some coal workings belonging to Mr. Darlington.

Mining Journal, (England).

AN EXTRAORDINARY KITTEN.—A correspondent furnishes us with the following account of an extraordinary kitten, which was ushered into this world of trouble at High Roosting on the 11th inst:—It has only one head, but this is provided with two complete faces, duly furnished with a pair of noses an inch and a quarter apart, two mouths, and four eyes, two of which are rather smaller than the others. The body is that of an ordinary kitten. Fortunately for the mice this formidable scion of their hereditary foes was killed after one day's existence, and is now in the hands of Mr. J. Pitts, of Madbury, to be preserved for Mr. Thorne, of the cock, at High Easter.

Essex (England) Herald.

STRENGTHENING SHIPS.—MR. W. K. McMINN of Liverpool, England, has invented a new mode of strengthening ships by the introduction of a beam, similar in form to that of a common steam-engine, equal to the line of the ship's length along the curve of the side, to which the lower deck will form a chord, their extremities being firmly connected together through the stem and stern post. By this plan it is said that all tendency to bog or sag, by unequal weights or pressure, will be entirely removed.

THE BUTTER TRADE.—Assuming the population of the United States at twenty-two millions, and that each person consumes half a pound per week, the annual consumption will be five hundred and seventy-two millions of pounds; which at fourteen cents a pound are worth upwards of \$80,000,000. The average produce per cow of butter has been estimated at 10 lbs. per annum, therefore 3,405,000 cows would be required to produce that amount of butter.

THE OLDEST POSTMASTER IN THE U. S.—MR. STEVENSON, of Donegal township, Washington county, Pa., was appointed Postmaster of that township, on the 20th of April, 1807, by Gideon Granger, during the administration of Thomas Jefferson, and has continued a period of forty-four years. He has withstood the storm of twenty-five years, and had secured one hundred and fifty barrels and had the same luck throughout the season; but during the three weeks he has been out this year he has not taken a dozen barrels.

ON SATURDAY last, mackerel made their first appearance in our market this season, and were eagerly taken up at eight and ten cents apiece. They are later than usual and the catch thus far has been small. A skipper informed us that last year, at the expiration of his first cruise of twenty-five days, he had secured one hundred and fifty barrels and had the same luck throughout the season; but during the three weeks he has been out this year he has not taken a dozen barrels.

ON WEDNESDAY, at about noon, two Irishmen named Toomey and Haye got into a scuffle, when the former drew a knife and stabbed the latter repeatedly in the side and arm. Haye who is considered in a critical situation, was taken to the office of Dr. Cotton, where his wounds were skillfully treated. Toomey was immediately arrested and placed in confinement to await his examination.

THE Y. POLICEMEN FOR THE WORLD'S EXHIBITION.—MR. BARCLAY, the British Consul in this city, has made application to Mayor Kingsland for two of his police force, to be sent to London, at the expence of the British Government, to detect gentle thieves who may be congregated in that city, during the exhibition, which has been granted.

THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF NEW BEDFORD have banished the whole regiment of wandering minstrels, organ grinders, tambourine thumpers, and monkey disciplinarians. The *Mercury*, laments the loss of the music peddlars, but consoles itself with the idea that the city authorities can't banish all the street music—the cats being lawless.

THE GEORGETOWN REPORTER states that a gentleman of that place, a few days since, while cutting hay, accidentally amputated one of his fingers; the lost finger was not found for nearly an hour, when it was skillfully united with the stump by Dr. Suyer, of Georgetown, and is now rapidly healing up.

THE MARBLES USED BY BOYS ARE MADE OF A HARD STONE FOUND NEAR COBURG, IN SAXONY. The stone is first broken with a hammer into small cubical fragments, and about one hundred to one hundred and fifty are ground at one time in a mill, somewhat like a flour-mill.

THE VIRGINIA AND HER RESOURCES.—The value of the real estate in Virginia, as exhibited by the census returns is \$278,000,000. The value of slaves, \$147,000,000; of other personal estate, \$105,000,000; making a total of \$530,000,000.

THE TOTAL white population of Texas show the total white population to be 168,000, and slaves 62,000.

THE VIRGINIA AND HER RESOURCES.—The value of the real estate in Virginia, as exhibited by the census returns is \$278,000,000. The value of slaves, \$147,000,000; of other personal estate, \$105,000,000; making a total of \$530,000,000.

THE NEWPORT MERCURY.

NEWPORT.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 24, 1851.

WHILE the attention of England is directed to the pleasure and excitement attendant on the Great Exhibition and the influence it will have on her arts and manufactures, that of France is becoming absorbed on a question of vital importance, and one that may involve her people in all the horrors of another revolution. Peace, they have scarce known, and when for a time it settles over the land, its rest is but short, nor is its departure mourned by the restless and ever changing Frenchman. France has often witnessed internal commotions of the most fearful character, will the present year see her streets again dyed with the blood of her sons? We are by no means prepared to answer this in the negative.

LET ONE BUT LOOK AT THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS IN PARIS, THE PROSPECT OF CONTENTION AMONG THE PARTIES OF THE SEVERAL ASPIRANTS TO THE PRESIDENCY, AND THE CERTAINTY THAT LOUIS NAPOLÉON WILL NOT RESIGN THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT WITHOUT A DESPERATE EFFORT TO RETAIN THE PLACE SO SUITED TO HIS FEELINGS, AND HE WILL SEE MISCHIEF BREWING THAT MUST FIND VENT, ONLY TO THE INJURY OF THE PEOPLE.

AS THE CONSTITUTION IS NOW WORDED, NO PERSON CAN HOLD THE PRESIDENTIAL CHAIR FOR TWO SUCCESSIVE TERMS. LOUIS NAPOLÉON MUST, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS LAW, RESIGN IT ON THE SECOND DAY OF MAY, EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO, UNLESS HE CAN SECURE A RE-ELECTION; TO EFFECT WHICH, THE CONSTITUTION MUST BE REVISED. SUCH A REVISION REQUIRES A MAJORITY OF THREE-FOURTHS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THREE SUCCESSIVE TRIALS, AT INTERVALS OF A MONTH. IN THIS CASE IT CANNOT BE, FOR IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR NAPOLEON TO COMMAND A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF VOTES IN THE LEGISLATURE TO EFFECT THE CHANGE. IF, THEREFORE, HE IS INTENT ON REMAINING AT THE HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT, AS IS PLAINLY SHOWN BY HIS ACTIONS, IT MUST BE BY USURPATION.

THIS COURSE HE WILL PROBABLY UNDERTAKE FOR HE HAS ALREADY PAVED THE WAY TO SUCH A STEP. HE HAS CONTRIVED ONE RESTRAINT AFTER ANOTHER FOR HIS SUBJECTS, HE HAS IN A MEASURE SILENCED THE PRESS AND APPRESSED EVERYTHING OBNOXIOUS TO HIS GOVERNMENT,



THE subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public that he is prepared to execute orders in the shortest possible time, and on the most reasonable terms. All articles usually made by Plumbers and constantly on hand, repaired in the neatest and most substantial manner. He has and beautiful apparatus for sale a very large sortment of the latest invention of

COPPER & IRON PUMPS.

among which may be enumerated—Farmans' patent Double Action Forcing and Suction; patent Hydraulics; Double action lift and force, ship & steamboat Pumps, and a great variety of others which will be fitted in the best manner and warranted not to fail, until worn out.

A large supply of LEAD PIPE kept on hand which will be fitted to order in any style that may be desired.

A large assortment of such articles as are usually found in an establishment of this kind on hand and for sale. All kinds of Job Work will be carefully attended to on the most reasonable terms. Orders left at the store will be executed with despatch.

A share of public patronage is solicited, and the most ample satisfaction will be given. Store second door north of the Custom House, Newport 1850.] NATHAN M. CHAFFEE.

Executor's Notice.

THE SUBSCRIBER, having been appointed by the Hon. Court of Probate of the town of Jamestown, Executor on the last will and testament of the late

SOLOMON CARPENTER,

deceas, requests all persons having demands against said estate to present them, and those indebted, to make immediate payment to

GERALD HAZARD, Executor.

Jamestown, April 5, 1851.

WILLIAM H. BLISS,

—DEALER IN—
BANGES, HOT AIR FURNACES, PARLOR, OFFICE & COOKING STOVES, OF THE MOST APPROVED PATTERNS.

—MANUFACTURER OF—
COPPER, TIN, AND SHEET IRON WARE
At Wholesale and Retail.

Jan. 12 1850.

MARINE and FIRE INSURANCE.

THE American Insurance Company, Providence, R.I., continue to insure against LOSS OR DAMAGE BY FIRE, on Cotton, Woolen, and other Manufactures, Buildings, & Merchandise and also against MARINE RISKS on favorable terms. The capital stock

\$150,000,

ALL PAID IN, AND WELL INVESTED.

DIRECTORS ELECTED JUNE 9. 1847.

William Rhodes, Robert R. Stafford, Amos D. Smith, Resolved Waterman, Shubael Hutchins, Ebenezer Kelly, Nathaniel Bishop, George S. Rathbone, Caleb Harris, T. D. Bowen, Walker Humphrey, Allen O. Peck, and Samuel B. Tooley.

Persons wishing for Insurance are requested to direct their applications, (which should be accompanied with a particular description of the property,) per mail, to the President or Secretary of the Company, and the same will meet with prompt attention.

Applications for Insurance may be made now to GEORGE BOWEN, Agent.

ALLEN O. PECK, President.

WALKER HUMPHREY, Secretary.

American Insurance Co's.

Office, June 9, 1847.

TABLE COVERS,
CARPETS, COUNTERPAINES AND BLANKETS,
CLEANSED.

THE SUBSCRIBER takes this method to

inform his friends and the public that he will cleanse in the best manner, at short notice and on the most reasonable terms, at his mill in the Glen, Carpets, Counterpaines, Blankets, Table Covers, &c., &c. Persons in Newport wishing his services as above may leave their articles at the Store of EDWARD STANHOPE, in Broad street, or JOHN AULMAN's, in Spring street; or, by leaving their address, articles will be taken at their dwellings, and returned to them when finished.

All favors thankfully received.

THOMAS GOULD.

Portsmouth, April 19, 1850—6m.

CORN FLOUR MEAL,
GRASS SEED, &c.

THE SUBSCRIBERS have taken the Store recently occupied by JOHN T. TILLEY, on the North side of Market Square, and intend keeping constantly for sale CORN, FLOUR, MEAL, &c.

JOHN ELDRED & CO.

JOHN ELDRED,

GEO. W. PERRY.

March 15.—6m.

Murray House.

THE above establishment, having been im-

proved and furnished more extensively, is now ready for the reception of permanent or transient boarders; and no exertion of the subscriber, who has resumed its management, will be wanting to make it as desirable as heretofore.

April 12.—3m. MARGARET MURRAY.

JAMES W. LYON,

PLUMBER, BRASS FOUNDER & COPPER SMITH.

No. 226, THAMES STREET,

NEWPORT, R. I.

AS constantly on hand a variety of Force and Lift Pumps, of his own manufacture, which warrants equal, if not superior to any before offered in this market.

Also, Water Closets, Wash Bowls, Croton and Cochituate Faucets, and every description of Plumbing Materials of various qualities and prices, as cheap as can be bought elsewhere.

Also, Pure block Tin Pipe, warranted not to injure the water in any way and fitted in the best style to Pumps and all other purposes.

Having procured the services of an experienced Plumber, he is prepared to execute all orders in this line with neatness and dispatch.

Lead Pipe and Sheet Lead of various sizes on hand, also, all kinds of Brass and Composition Castings made to order. Ship Castings of all kinds on hand and made to order at short notice.

JAMES W. LYON.

Having been appointed agent of the Hudson Gutta Percha Manufacturing Co., is now prepared to furnish any quantity of Gutta Percha pipe, and sheet do.; the pipe can be fitted to any of the uses to which lead has been applied. For conveying cold water possesses many advantages over lead as it is not affected by any of the acids or alkalies, it is entirely tasteless, does not affect any kind of water, will not rot and cannot be burst by frost. The sheet may be applied to any use to which sheet lead may be applied, and peculiarly adapted to lining water tanks and reservoirs and also for water closet work.

Grateful for past favors, he hopes by strict attention to his business to merit the approbation of his customers. All work warranted not to fail until worn out.

April 5, 1851.

HN W

Spring & Election Goods.

BROWN & MUMFORD,

No. 126, THAMES STREET,

ARE RECEIVING A VERY

CHOICE SELECTION

of the latest styles and shades of

BROAD-CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, CASHMERMES,

DOE-SKINS, TWEEDS, SATINETS, &c.,

which they offer at very low prices. Also,

Ready Made Clothing,

AND FURNISHING GOODS,

A LARGE BARN with two lots in good re-

pair, apply to

April 12, 1851. H. SESSIONS.

SILKS, SILKS.

BLACK silks of different widths and qualities just received and offered at low prices by

LANGLEY & NORMAN,

April 5.

106 THAMES STREET.

106 THAMES STREET.

AND FURNISHING GOODS,

A LARGE BARN with two lots in good re-

pair, apply to

April 12, 1851. H. SESSIONS.

SILKS, SILKS.

BLACK silks of different widths and qualities just received and offered at low prices by

LANGLEY & NORMAN,

April 5.

106 THAMES STREET.

AND FURNISHING GOODS,

A LARGE BARN with two lots in good re-

pair, apply to

April 12, 1851. H. SESSIONS.

SILKS, SILKS.

BLACK silks of different widths and qualities just received and offered at low prices by

LANGLEY & NORMAN,

April 5.

106 THAMES STREET.

AND FURNISHING GOODS,

A LARGE BARN with two lots in good re-

pair, apply to

April 12, 1851. H. SESSIONS.

SILKS, SILKS.

BLACK silks of different widths and qualities just received and offered at low prices by

LANGLEY & NORMAN,

April 5.

106 THAMES STREET.

AND FURNISHING GOODS,

A LARGE BARN with two lots in good re-

pair, apply to

April 12, 1851. H. SESSIONS.

SILKS, SILKS.

BLACK silks of different widths and qualities just received and offered at low prices by

LANGLEY & NORMAN,

April 5.

106 THAMES STREET.

AND FURNISHING GOODS,

A LARGE BARN with two lots in good re-

pair, apply to

April 12, 1851. H. SESSIONS.

SILKS, SILKS.

BLACK silks of different widths and qualities just received and offered at low prices by

LANGLEY & NORMAN,

April 5.

106 THAMES STREET.

AND FURNISHING GOODS,

A LARGE BARN with two lots in good re-

pair, apply to

April 12, 1851. H. SESSIONS.

SILKS, SILKS.

BLACK silks of different widths and qualities just received and offered at low prices by

LANGLEY & NORMAN,

April 5.

106 THAMES STREET.

AND FURNISHING GOODS,

A LARGE BARN with two lots in good re-

pair, apply to

April 12, 1851. H. SESSIONS.

SILKS, SILKS.

BLACK silks of different widths and qualities just received and offered at low prices by

LANGLEY & NORMAN,

April 5.

106 THAMES STREET.

AND FURNISHING GOODS,

A LARGE BARN with two lots in good re-

pair, apply to

April 12, 1851. H. SESSIONS.

SILKS, SILKS.

BLACK silks of different widths and qualities just received and offered at low prices by

LANGLEY & NORMAN,

April 5.

106 THAMES STREET.

AND FURNISHING GOODS,

A LARGE BARN with two lots in good re-

pair, apply to

April 12, 1851. H. SESSIONS.

SILKS, SILKS.

BLACK silks of different widths and qualities just received and offered at low prices by

LANGLEY & NORMAN,

April 5.

106 THAMES STREET.

AND FURNISHING GOODS,

A LARGE BARN with two lots in good re-